"YOSHINATSU"

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FANTASTIC STORY

A GUY NAMED "YOSHINATSU" WAS IN THE SAME CLASS AS I IN JUNIOR HIGH.

ILLUSIONS COLLECTION
TENGUJIN
NOW ON SALE!

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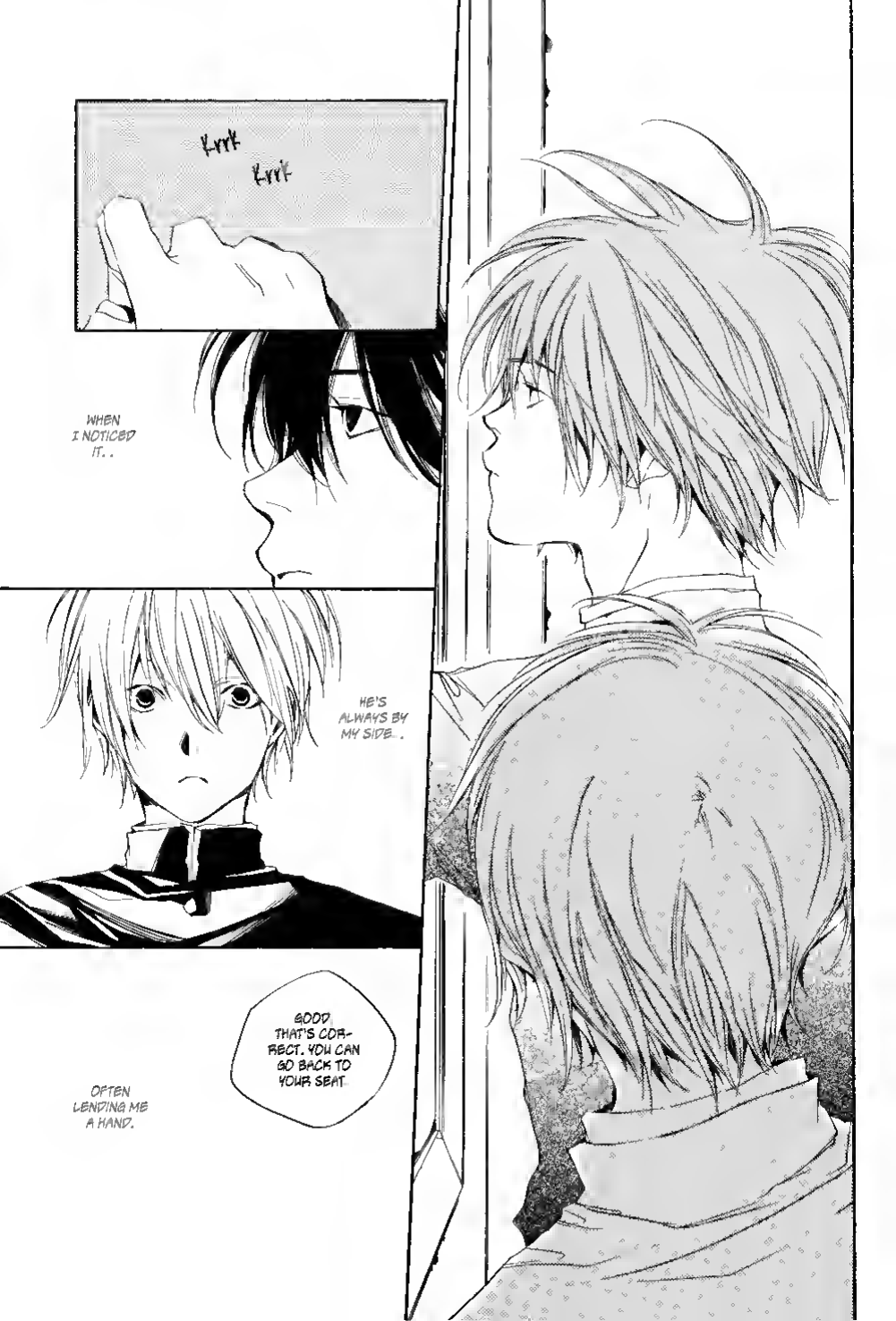
Krrk
WHAT? YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND IT?
UMM...
WELL... THAT'S...
LEND ME THAT.


Knk
Knk
WHEN I NOTICED IT..
HE'S ALWAYS BY MY SIDE..
GOOD. THAT'S CORRECT. YOU CAN GO BACK TO YOUR SEAT.
OFTEN LENDING ME A HAND.

YOSHI-
NATSU!
YOU
SAVED
ME BACK
THERE...
THANK
YOU...
AND
YET...

CRUEL WORDS ARE THROWN BACK AT ME—

"HURRY UP AND DISAPPEAR," HE SAID.
I REALLY DON'T KNOW.
WHETHER YOSHINATU'S A GOOD GUY OR A BAD GUY...
MOM IS KIND...
I KNOW IT'S WEIRD COMING FROM ME BUT...
REALLY...
THAT REMINDS ME... DON'T YOU HAVE PRACTICE FOR THE SPORTS FESTIVAL STARTING TOMOR-ROW?
DAD TOO...
EAT QUICKLY THEN GO TO BED.
OKAY.

Men's 1500m
Yoshinatsu
WOW, YOSHINATSU'S AMAZING!
YEAH...
HE'S MAKING A STRAIGHT FACE

IT'S NOTHING.
IT'LL BE AN EASY VICTORY FOR OUR CLASS THEN!
THAT WAS AMAZING, YOSHINATSU!
What's up with that guy...
That was scary..
I'LL BE LIKE THAT TOO...
IF I BECOME...
OH!

C-CAN WE GO HOME TOGETHER?
YOSHINATSU!
Dash
AH!
HEY...
WAIT FOR ME!
HEY, HEY...
WHY ARE YOU WALKING SO QUICKLY LIKE THAT?

Click
HEY, HEY...
ARE YOU LISTENING?
WHEN DO YOU STUDY?
I HEARD YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CRAM SCHOOL.
TSK!
FINE!
No way! What the!
VRRRM
VRRR
VRRR
VRRR

That was close!
VRRRM
VRRR
VRRR
SCREECH

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
I...
I'M SORRY, YOSHINATSU!
OH..

IT'S A MINOR SPRAIN...
BUT PLEASE REST FOR AT LEAST A WEEK, OKAY?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I... I'M SORRY, YOSHINATSU..
WHAT SHOULD I DO...
THE SPORTS FESTIVAL AT THE START OF THE WEEK...
YOU'RE NOT GONNA MAKE IT, RIGHT?

HUH...?
IF THAT'S THE CASE WHY DON'T YOU RUN IN MY PLACE THEN?
THANKS FOR THE MEAL!
YOSHI- NATSU'S GONNA TEACH ME.
THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO SLEEP EARLY TONIGHT
I'M GOING TO PRACTICE FOR THE 1500M RUN STARTING TOMORROW AFTER SCHOOL.
YUP.
OH, YOU'RE DONE ALREADY?

GOOD NIGHT!
.....
I- I CAN'T..
I CAN'T RUN ANY-MORE...
Haa.
Haah... Gah...
HEY HEY, YOU ONLY RAN 400M...
ARE YOU SERIOUS...

WH-WHAT...
IT'S NOT LIKE EVERY-BODY CAN RUN LIKE YOU.
THINK PROPERLY ABOUT THE PACE DISTRIBUTION
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN JUST FLY OFF RIGHT FROM THE START, CAN YOU?
Ugh...
LISTEN!
BECAUSE YOU TAKE 16S JUST TO RUN 100M.
KRRK

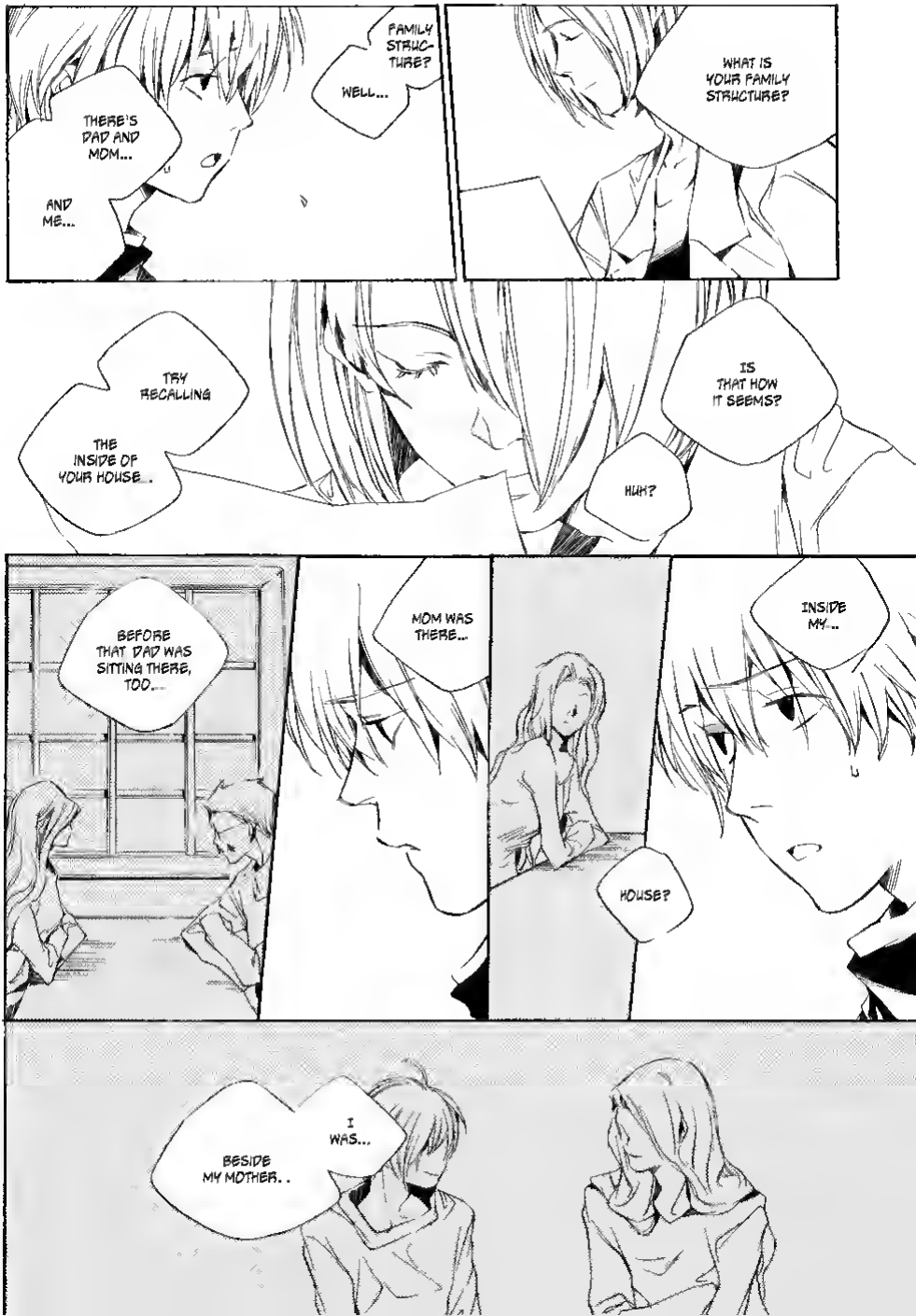
I'VE BEEN...
...TALKING TO YOU LIKE THIS THE WHOLE TIME, HAVEN'T I?
HUH?
WHAT? YOU'RE GRINNING.
HAVE YOU..

I'M TIRED.
YOSHINATSU IS AMAZING, I TELL YOU.
REALLY...
SO YOU HAVE PRACTICE TOMORROW, TOO?
BUT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO RUN PRETTY WELL RECENTLY.
JUST A LITTLE SINCE THE SPORTS FEST IS ABOUT TO START.
SO TOMORROW...
I'D LIKE FOR MOM AND DAD
TO BE THERE FOR ME...
OH...
SURE.
IT'S FINE...
?
GOOD.
Click

I DID IT! I DID IT!!
I RAN!!
I WAS ABLE TO RUN 1500M!
UWAA!
WHAT, YOU'RE HAPPY ABOUT SUCH A THING LIKE THIS?
YOUR TIME'S NOT YET...
THANK YOU YOSHINATSU.
I'M SO HAPPY!
UNTIL NOW, THERE WAS NOT EVEN ONE THING I COULD DO PROPERLY.
IT'S REALLY GREAT THAT YOU'RE HERE.
I...

I HATE GUYS LIKE YOU.
HUH?
HURRY...
HURRY UP AND DIS-APPEAR...
.....

WE'RE HERE.
?
THAT GUY IS SO CRUEL...
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT WE WERE GETTING ALONG WELL...
..THE HOSPITAL.
?
AH... WELL...
I...
Why they took me here
I have absolutely no idea.
YOU MUST BE SURPRISED IT'S SO SUDDEN, HUH?
BUT DON'T WORRY, I ONLY HAVE SOMETHING SHORT TO CONSULT WITH YOU
PLEASE TAKE A SEAT.
A CONSULTATION?
BEFORE THAT, MAY I ASK YOU TWO OR THREE QUESTIONS FIRST?


THERE'S DAD AND MOM...
AND ME...
FAMILY STRUC-TURE?
WELL...
WHAT IS YOUR FAMILY STRUCTURE?
TRY RECALLING
THE INSIDE OF YOUR HOUSE.
HUH?
IS THAT HOW IT SEEMS?
BEFORE THAT DAD WAS SITTING THERE, TOO...
MOM WAS THERE...
INSIDE MY...
HOUSE?
I WAS...
BESIDE MY MOTHER..

WHO.
IN FRONT OF ME WAS...
ON THE CHAIR...
MY BROTHER...
AND THEN WHEN HE PASSED AWAY IN AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT.
ALL YOUR PARENTS' EXPECTATIONS FELL UPON YOU.
Y-YES...
YOU WERE PROUD OF YOUR OLDER BROTHER WHO COULD DO ANYTHING...
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOUR VERY CAPABLE OLDER BROTHER WAS THERE.

INDEED.
AND THEN YOU CREATED ANOTHER "YOU".
I WANTED TO RUN AWAY...
EVERYDAY...
YES.. IT WAS SO PAINFUL...
"YOSHINATSU-KUN".
YES.

BUT I ALWAYS WISHED FOR HIM TO DISAPPEAR. JUST LIKE YOU TOLD ME TO, SENSEI.
YES..
THE YOU WHO WAS YOUR PARENTS' "IDEAL" REBELLED..
...AND CREATED THAT OTHER PERSONALITY WHO COULDN'T DO ANYTHING.

THAT'S RIGHT. HOWEVER FOR SOME REASON...
YOUR TIME AS THE HOST CHARACTER IS DIMINISHING DAY BY DAY...

!!!
MEDICINE..?
BUT YOU CAN BE AT EASE BECAUSE A NEW MEDICINE FOR SUCH A CONDITION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AT LAST.
THAT THE REAL YOU WILL DISAPPEAR.
YOUR PARENTS SEEM TO BE VERY ANXIOUS...

IT LEAVES THE ORIGINAL AND ERASES ALL THE OTHER CHARACTERS.
BUT THERE IS ONE THING YOU MUST DO...
MAKE SURE YOU LET YOUR OTHER SELF DRINK THIS...
OTHERWISE, YOU WILL DISAPPEAR.
YES.

WHO...
You.
WHO'S CRYING?
WHAT...
STOP CRYING.
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT...
I DIDN'T REALIZE IT UNTIL NOW...
BUT IT'S ALRIGHT...
BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE YOU...
I'M READY TO GIVE UP...
EVERYBODY SAYS YOU'RE AMAZING...
YOU CAN DO EVERY-THING...

BESIDES..
THAT'S WHY I HAVE NO CHOICE
BECAUSE THERE EXISTS A "ME" THAT IS JUST INCAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING.
YOU'RE VERY MANLY....
I DON'T WANT YOU TO HATE ME MORE THAN THIS..
GOODBYE YOSHINATSU.

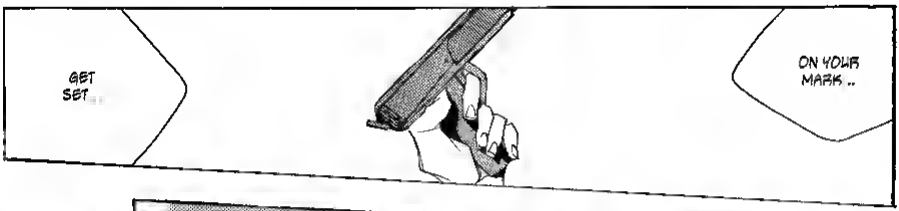
I THOUGHT YOU'D COME...
Creak

THE OTHER YOSHINATSU-KUN.
AND YET, WHY AM I STILL HERE?
W... WHY?
I DRANK THE MEDI-CINE.
AND YET...
That guy was an idiot until the very end, Sensei...
Pii
But you know, sensei...
He didn't know I switched it with a sleeping pill
THIS IS LAST NIGHT'S RECORDING.

He's the very person that I wanted to be
Laughing at stupid things...
Being happy just because he managed to do something trivial
Sensei, I wonder if it's strange
Even though he is me and I am him...
I like him.
Though I said I hated him...
That's why I have no regrets.
Sensei

LIAR...
HEY YOSHINATSU, CAN YOU RUN WITH THAT LEG?
It's a 1500m dash you know
18TH SPORTS FEST
Bang Bang
I'LL TRY

DON'T MESS UP YOUR FACING



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